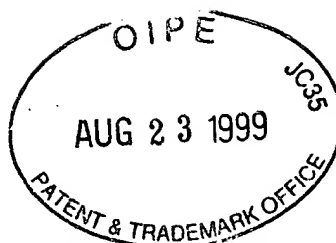


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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed May 24, 1999, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 24, 1999.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Copies of the formal drawings FIGs. 11-12 and 14-27 and a Letter to the Chief Draftsman are included with this response, with proposed changes marked in red. These